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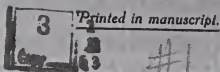
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Towarzysze! Obywatele!  
Przychodzą do Was ludzie, mieniący się naro-  
dowcami, i mówią:

„Żydzi są waszymi wrogami! To Żydzi są win-  
ni, że jest wam źle na świecie! Trzeba Żydów wy-  
pędzić z Polski, a będzie dobrze Polakom!”

A niektórzy wręcz nawołują do gwałtów.

Tak mówią i — wybijają szyby w sklepach ży-  
dowskich, rozbijają i rabują nędzne stragany, biją  
i kaleczą przechodniów żydowskich, a niekiedy też  
i mordują.

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przedstawiciele robotników żydowskich, zorganizo-  
wanych pod czerwonym sztandarem socjalizmu, i  
mówimy:

Zważcie, czy prawdę mówią ci, co budzą nie-  
nawiść do Żydów, zastanówcie się nad prawdziwym  
położeniem zarówno mas polskich, jak i mas żydow-  
skich.

Ludność polska podzielona jest na dwie części:  
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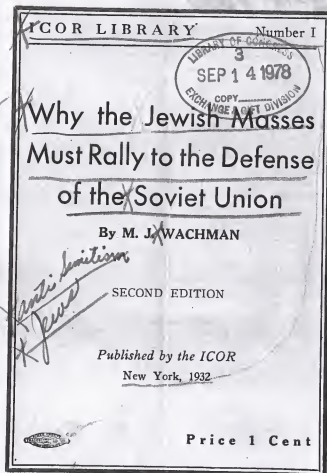
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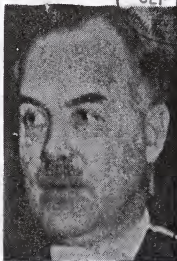
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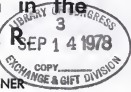
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"I find it very necessary and marvelous that you are working for the support of the work of salvation of the Jewish children and other refugees saved by Russia and to be settled in Birobidjan. . . . Russia has helped us to save precious lives and we must try to do our part in this salvation and rehabilitation project. It also seems to me important that we show and prove to the Soviet Union our grateful appreciation for her humanitarian attitude towards our people.  
ALBERT EINSTEIN."

## VICE-PRESIDENT WALLACE

[Now Secretary of Commerce:] "I have read with a great deal of interest the statement of Ambijan's history and aims and it seems to me a grand thing that there has been set aside in the Soviet Union a region which has opened its doors to Jewish refugees from all over the world.

HENRY A. WALLACE"

## MARSHAL ZHUKOV

"I thank the members and friends of your organization and you personally for the gift and greetings sent by you. I wish you success in your work.

Marshal of the Soviet Union G. ZHUKOV"

## SECRETARY STETTINIUS

[Now representative of the U. S. on the Security Council of the United Nations:] "I desire to extend my personal best wishes for the success of the efforts of your organization which are directed towards lofty humanitarian aims.

EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, Jr., Sec. of State"

## CHAIRMAN SILBERSTEIN OF BIROBIDJAN

"The Committee of the Jewish Autonomous Region is the home of all workers on the tenth anniversary sends you and all members of Ambijan our heartfelt regards and much thanks for your readiness and eagerness helping our children and orphans, also for your helping us with technique machines for our working schools.

MOISHE SILBERSTEIN, Chairman of the Region."

## AMBASSADOR GROMYKO

"I take this opportunity to express to Ambijan my gratitude for the help which it renders to war victims, including the Jewish population settled in Birobidjan. I wish your organization all success in its future work.

A. A. GROMYKO, Ambassador."

## SENATOR WAGNER

"I am familiar with the splendid work which your Committee has been doing and I wish you every possible success in the future.

ROBERT F. WAGNER."

## SENATOR THOMAS

"Some day, when the Russian children at Stalingrad and the Jewish children at Birobidjan have grown up into strong and splendid men and women, fully equipped to enjoy the equality of opportunity their country offers them, they will remember that the people of America and their children, through such efforts as those of your committee, stood with them and by them.

ELBERT D. THOMAS."

## JEWISH ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE OF THE U.S.S.R.

"Please extend most cordial greetings to your conference. We wish to express our deep appreciation of your contribution to our common struggle against fascism. We note with particular satisfaction your work for the Jewish Autonomous Region of Birobidjan which has taken such an active part in the great war against German invaders. We wish you, dear friends, every success in your noble activities for the benefit of all freedom-loving nations and for the benefit of the Jewish people.

(signed) JEWISH ANTI-FASCIST COMMITTEE OF THE USSR  
SOLOMON M. MICHOELS, President  
S. EPSTEIN, Executive Secretary  
I. FEFFER, Member of the Presidium."

## VILJALMUR STEFANSSON

"Throughout my association with the Ambijan Committee which goes back over most of the ten years of its existence, I have felt the vital importance of the task it set itself—whether in the original settlement program of non-Russian Jews in Birobidjan or in the various emergency aid projects like supplying watches to the Red Army and food to the war orphans of Stalingrad.

VILJALMUR STEFANSSON." #18

## GEO. GORDON BATTLE

"I have never been engaged in any enterprise in my life which was closer to my heart than this Birobidjan project.

GEORGE GORDON BATTLE"

## JACOB S. POTOFSKY

"Your Committee is doing a great and noble job in caring for thousands of orphan children left destitute by the Nazi invaders. The American people who responded so generously to Russian relief will, I am sure, support your Committee.

JACOB S. POTOFSKY,  
General Secretary-Treasurer of the  
AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS OF AMERICA."

## JUSTICE FRANK A. MURPHY

"The work which your Committee is doing for the 3,500 refugee war orphans in the Jewish Autonomous Region of the USSR and for the 1,000 boys and girls whose parents died at Stalingrad is commendable as a humanitarian undertaking; as a fitting monument to the tens of thousands of Jewish and Russian children who did not escape the Nazi murder ovens and firing squads; as a truly American gesture of gratitude to a gallant ally. I hope your efforts in behalf of these children meet every success. I feel that the Birobidjan project in the USSR holds much promise. It is in this light that I feel all Americans will watch the development of the Jewish Autonomous Region with warm interest.

FRANK A. MURPHY, U.S. Supreme Court Justice."

## M. M. GOUSEV

"Permit me to thank you again for the good work you are doing for the benefit of the Red Army, and to wish your continued success in the campaign which the Ambijan Committee is undertaking.

M. M. GOUSEV, Chairman, Amtorg Trading Corp."

## SECRETARY ICKES

"We are watching with sympathetic interest the accomplishments of the Jewish people in the building of a Jewish republic in the Soviet far east. I send personal greetings to Ambassador Gromyko, and I extend my congratulations to the Government of the Soviet Union on the success of its policy of destroying anti-Semitism and establishing equal rights and opportunities for all ethnic and linguistic groups. To me this is the most vital contribution to enduring and civilized peace which the Soviets have made. I wish Ambijan full success in its valuable work.

HAROLD L. ICKES, Sec. of Interior."

## JUDGE ISAAC PACHT

"The work and progress of Ambijan is of the highest importance in the rehabilitation of many thousands of Jews rendered homeless by the excesses of the Hitler regime. Every means and all avenues of constructive aid must be employed. Ambijan can and will play an important role in this great humanitarian effort.

JUDGE ISAAC PACHT, Los Angeles, Calif."

## CONSUL GENERAL KISSELEV

"I wish to take this opportunity to express on behalf of my country, my appreciation of the emergency aid that the Ambijan Committee, the oldest among the numerous friends of the Soviet Union in the United States, has rendered to our people. Its noble and truly humanitarian work is well known in the USSR and arouses a feeling of sincere appreciation.

EUGENE D. KISSELEV, Consul General of the  
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# WHAT IS BIROBIDJAN?

## BIROBIDJAN IS THE JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION OF THE USSR

**A DECADE AGO**, it started as an experiment based on the general Russian policy of encouraging national minorities in the development of their own way of life and culture to the highest level.

**TODAY**, that experiment has been proved successful. Today, Birobidzhan is a thriving growing community that has been able, despite the fact that it is still in the developmental stage, to offer its facilities for the rehabilitation of Jewish refugees from other lands. With the assistance of the American Birobidzhan Committee, 3500 Jewish refugee war orphans have already been harbored, and efforts are being made to provide a similar haven for the 30,000 additional Jewish orphans who have escaped from countries over-run by the fascist enemy and have found their way into the USSR.

**LOCATED** in the same latitude as Southern Canada, in the bend of the Amur River above Manchukuo, Birobidjan has an area of some 15,000 square miles, twice the area of the State of New Jersey. In 1939, its population was 109,000, and at the present time it is estimated at 175,000 of which 115,000 are Jews. According to scientific investigations, the Region can maintain a population of at least 4,000,000 people.

**THE CLIMATE** is similar to that of our states of Maine and Minnesota—but with lots more sunshine. This climate is very favor-

able for crops such as spring wheat, oats, potatoes, soy beans, rice and grapes. Honey is produced in great quantity, and cattle are raised by individual farming households and farmers' collectives.

**THE REGION** is rich in natural resources. The mountains abound in gold, iron ore, magnesium, graphite, marble, and since the war, mining of coal has been greatly developed. The heavy woods teem with fur bearing animals, and supply excellent timber for the building and furniture industries and for a pulp and paper mill which has already been established. Many rivers and lakes have made fishing an important thriving industry.

**SELF GOVERNMENT** is enjoyed in all local affairs including courts, local taxation, economic planning and all cultural activities (for which 22,000,000 rubles was appropriated in 1945). The official language and the language of instruction in all the schools is Yiddish. Local authorities are elected by the population of the Region. Five delegates represent Birobidjan on the Council of Nationalities of the USSR which corresponds to the Senate of the USA. By our cooperation we can accelerate the development of their Autonomous Region. We can enable them to achieve the status of a Jewish Autonomous Republic, on a par with the other Republics of National minorities, such as the Armenian, Karelo-Finnish, etc.

## THE JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION – BIRBORIDJAN



**WHERE IS BIROBJIDJAN?** Birobidjan is located on approximately the same latitude as Duluth, Minnesota, and Bndapest, Hungary. The capital, the city of Birobidjan, is eight and a half days from Moscow on the Trans-Siberian Express, and eighteen hours from the port of Vladivostok on the Pacific Ocean. The Trans-Siberian railroad traverses Birobidjan for over two hundred miles, while the navigable Amur River runs along its Southern border for over 400 miles. Goods from the United States are shipped to Birobidjan from the West Coast Ports, like Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, etc.

**THE AMERICAN BIROBIDJAN COMMITTEE**, popularly known as Ambijan, was established in 1935 to cooperate in the reconstruction on productive foundations of the lives of the Jews who were singled out for brutal persecution and annihilation by the Nazis. The essential nature of the activities of Ambijan is recognized by our Government, and the Committee is registered with the President's War Relief Control Board. The Ambijan is the officially designated American sponsor-guardian of the Jewish Refugee War Orphans settled in Birobidjan, and of the orphans of heroic Stalingrad.

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# Fünf Wochen in Brody

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Ein Beitrag

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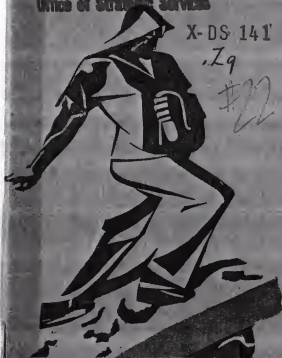
THE two texts here published seem to me to form interesting contributions to the last chapter in the history of the Jews in the Iberian peninsula. They are both written by contemporaries of the expulsion, the one based on materials gathered from the exiles, the other being from an eye-witness. Of course we cannot expect to get important new facts concerning this time, for which the sources at our disposition are rich enough, yet we glean some details which complete or modify our previous information.

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renewed strength, once  
more guides the plough,  
the Jewish problem  
will be solved.

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